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THE DOG AND THE SHADOW.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, July 19.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Showers and not so warm Wednesday and Thursday; light, variable winds.
North Carolina—Fair Wednesday, except showers in west portion; Thursday showers and not so warm; light, variable winds.
RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.
A. M. 88
P. M. 90
M. 92
N. 94
D. 96
M. 98
A. 100
Average 92.3
Highest temperature yesterday 98
Lowest temperature yesterday 75
Mean temperature yesterday 86
Normal temperature for July 80
Departure from normal temperature, 6
Precipitation during past 24 hours, .00
MINIATURE ALMANAC.
Sun rises 5:36
Sun sets 7:27
Moon sets 12:00
HIGH TIDE
Morning 10:46
Evening 11:15

AFFAIRS OF CHEMICAL

Stockholders to Meet in Jersey City To-day and Consider Them.

THE MINORITY REPRESENTED

Not in Full Accord With Policy of Continued Extension. Financial Showing.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company will be held in Newark, N. J., to-day, and nearly all the officers of the company left yesterday to be present at the meeting.
President S. T. Morgan, Secretary S. Dabney Crenshaw and Treasurer S. W. Travers and several other officials and stockholders of the company left to attend the meeting. Messrs. Charles U. Williams and W. B. Davis, of this city, were recently named by a meeting of the smaller stockholders of the corporation to attend the meeting and represent this minority interest, which, it is understood, is not in full accord with the policy of the company in the extension of the scope of its operations.
The Richmond directors and stockholders, who were carrying the proxy of a large representation of the stock of the company. Unless there is some harmonious policy adopted for the future there will probably be a strong protest from the minority stockholders.
The Finance Committee is composed of Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway; Harry Walters, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and E. T. Statesbury, who represents J. P. Morgan and Company.
This committee has great experience in large financial matters, and in addition has the fullest confidence of both the public and the stockholders. Their course will therefore be watched with great interest.
History of the Company.
The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, which has at present a capital stock of \$45,354,400, divided into 18,000,000 cumulative preferred stock bearing interest at 8 per cent. per annum, and \$2,184,400 of common stock, which at present is paying no interest, is the outgrowth of a consolidated chemical business which was started in this city in 1895.
The original Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, which was formed by the merger of a number of well known fertilizer firms in the vicinity of Richmond and in North Carolina, started business in the month of September, 1895, with a capital of \$5,000,000, divided into 15,000 shares of preferred stock and 35,000 shares of common stock. The preferred stock, which was entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of eight per centum per annum, was issued for the plants and other visible property taken over by the company in a conservative valuation, and the common stock represented the good will, brands and trade marks of the firms composing the company.
By June 15, 1901, the capital of the company had been increased to \$21,000,000, and the stock which was preferred stock and one-half common stock; practically all of which had been issued either for property acquired or for cash. The preferred stock had been sold at not less than par, and the company had paid continuous

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MISS FORBES TELLS ABOUT BURNING

On the Stand in the Trial of Woolridge.

SHE AWOKE IN NIGHT FIND HOUSES AFLAME

Beginning of What Promises to be Most Exciting Trial in the History of Buckingham.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING LOOKED FOR

Possible That Governor Montague, With Whom Woolridge Talked While in Richmond, Will be Summoned as Witness—A Great Crowd at Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BUCKINGHAM COURTHOUSE, VA., July 19.—The features of the first day of the trial of E. C. Woolridge for burning property of the late John S. Forbes, were the securing of the jury to try the case; the opening statements to the jury, of Messrs. Aubrey Strode and H. D. Flood, opposing counsel, and the testimony of Miss Janie Forbes, the first witness for the Commonwealth.
In the morning the counsel for the defense, Messrs. Lancaster and Flood, moved for a continuance of the case on the grounds of the illness of two witnesses, but the motion was, after due deliberation, over-ruled by Judge Hundley, and the case was ordered to be brought to trial. The prisoner was brought into court, looking pale and nervous. The jury selected consists of the following well known citizens: L. R. Pollard, D. L. Jones, M. W. D. Brown, W. P. Higgins, D. M. Epperson, H. B. Vaughan, W. A. Maxey, J. H. Cox, C. B. Agate, J. M. Allen, R. B. Hanes and G. W. Moss.
The testimony of Miss Janie Forbes in the afternoon was decidedly disappointing. Many had expected a graphic and interesting account of the fire, but her testimony was far from this. Before noon the preliminaries had been arranged and the court adjourned for dinner at 1 o'clock. Promptly at 2:30 o'clock the court reconvened and resumed the case with an immense crowd, in spite of the heat, was in the court room.
Opening Statement.
Miss Maud Woolridge, the remarkably pretty daughter of H. C. Woolridge, said her father, and her father's attorney, Young Dan Woolridge sat behind them.
Mr. Aubrey E. Strode arose and unfolded a large chart of the burned buildings, belonging to the late John S. Forbes, and in a clear, musical voice, stated what the Commonwealth intended to prove in the case, and recited all the leading points of evidence against Woolridge in their order. The speech was an able one, and was listened to with the most intense interest.
Mr. H. D. Flood, the able attorney, then made a brilliant speech, stating the case on behalf of the defense. Each point brought out by Mr. Strode was answered by Mr. Flood. The indictment was for burning the smoke-house on the Forbes property, one of the nine houses which were burnt. Mr. Flood said the Commonwealth was afraid to try the case on the indictment of burning the dwelling house.
MISS JANIE FORBES TESTIFIES.
The first witness put on the stand was Miss Janie Forbes. The witness was dressed in black, and gave her testimony in a clear and distinct voice. She was asked to tell the story of the burning, which took place on the 24 of March. She stated that her dogs barked during the night, and she called them into the house. She retired shortly after 10 o'clock. In about two hours she was awakened by her father, and she found a

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SHADOW OF WAR CLOUD NOW COVERS ALL EUROPE



The large picture shows Japanese soldiers at mess. Below is a Russian general and his staff holding a council of war.

MOB TRIES TO LYNCH NEGRO

Great Excitement in Danville Early This Morning.

SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED

Crowd Met by the Police and Dispersed—Said They Would Return.

(By Associated Press.)

DANVILLE, VA., July 20.—A mob of about seventy-five men, composed principally of railroad men, wearing handkerchiefs over their faces made a demonstration before the City Jail shortly after 2 o'clock this morning for the purpose of taking the negro Roy Shields, accused of the murder last Friday of Flagman James L. Armes, of the Southern Railway.
The police had had previous notification of the forming of the mob and were prepared. When the mob advanced, the officers took station in the alleyways leading to the jail. Mayor Harry Wooding, who was present, addressed the mob from the courthouse steps and ordered them to disperse. But the mob swept by, hurrying the mayor along with them. Several shots were fired by the police, but the firing was in the air.
Finding that the police were prepared the mob did not attempt to force an entrance into the jail. After half an hour they dispersed, saying that they would reform and return. The jail is being carefully guarded.

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EXCITEMENT IS BECOMING INTENSE

Fighting in Far East Continues with Growing Fierceness and Thousands on Both Sides Are Slain.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 20.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a dispatch dated July 18th, says: "A Russian cruiser has just passed through from Odessa with several guns covered with canvas on her deck. She also carried torpedo tubes."

The Suez correspondent of the same paper, under date of July 19th says: "The German steamer Sambia, it is stated, has been seized by the Russians and is expected here to-morrow."

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NEPHEW OF DAVIS DEAD

Captain Wood, Daring Blockade Runner, Passes Away in Nova Scotia.

(By Associated Press.)

HALIFAX, N. S., July 19.—Captain John Taylor Wood, grandson of President Zachary Taylor, and nephew of Jefferson Davis, died here to-day, aged seventy-four years. Mr. Wood, who was born in Minnesota, entered the United States navy as a midshipman in his seventeenth year and served in the Mexican war. During the Civil War he was with the Confederate army and served as colonel of the 1st North Carolina Cavalry and with Lee's army. His daring work as a blockade runner attracted much attention. At the close of the war he escaped with General Breckenridge to Florida, crossed to Cuba in an open boat, and later came to Halifax. He had been for many years secretary of the harbor pilots' committee in this city.

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KERN IS HOT IN COLLAR

Wants Taggart to be National Chairman.

POSITION HAS BEEN OFFERED TO GORMAN

But the Maryland Senator Will Probably Decline to Serve.

THE FIRST BIG GUN OF THE CAMPAIGN

Mayor Harrison Arranging for Great Chicago Gathering, at Which Bryan and Parker Will Both Speak—The Nebraskan Issues a Statement.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 19.—As a result of the conference of the distinguished Democrats who have been meeting here last night and to-day, Senator Gorman has been asked to become chairman of the Democratic National Committee. With great reluctance he has taken the request under consideration, but it seems certain that he will decline.

William F. Sheehan is the next choice, but he also may not accept, chiefly because he regards his health as unequal to the strain. Should neither Senator Gorman nor Mr. Sheehan be chosen, Judge Parker has declined to say who should be the chairman, preferring to leave the matter entirely with his advisers and the National Democratic Committee.

Conference Continued.

The Democratic leaders who came to New York at the suggestion of former Senator Henry G. Davis, the Democratic candidate for Vice-President, to talk with him regarding the campaign, to-day continued, formally, the conference of last night. The rooms of ex-Senator David B. Hill at the Hoffman House were the storm center. Mr. Davis, Senator Gorman, Norman D. Mank, of Buffalo, the Democratic National Committeeman from New York State; ex-Senator James Smith, Jr., of New Jersey; James M. Head, national committeeman from Tennessee; Senator Bailey, of Texas, and William F. Sheehan, of Buffalo, were among those who called on Mr. Hill and talked with him. Among them declared this afternoon that he was strongly in favor of Thomas Taggart for chairman. Mr. Kern said he had not seen any difference in the situation since the last meeting of the National Democratic Committee in St. Louis.

What Kern Thinks of It.

John W. Kern, of Indiana, in discussing the question of chairman of the Democratic National Committee, declared this afternoon that he was strongly in favor of Thomas Taggart for chairman. Mr. Kern said he had not seen any difference in the situation since the last meeting of the National Democratic Committee in St. Louis.

Mr. Kern was asked if the failure of the committee to elect Taggart chairman would have any effect on the vote in Indiana, and replied:

"It would not like to say that it would make any difference, for that would imply a threat."

Mr. Kern was asked if he thought the repeated conferences were due to opposition on the part of Judge Parker's friends to the candidacy of Mr. Taggart for national chairman. He said in reply:

"I don't know what New York State wants in past understanding."

GORMAN CAN'T ATTEND.

Declines the Invitation of Judge Parker to Come to Rosemount.

(By Associated Press.)

ESOPUS, N. Y., July 19.—United States Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, who has been asked to become chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was invited by Judge Parker to come to Rosemount to-morrow with former Senator Davis and until late this afternoon it was taken for granted he would come. The following telegram from him, dated New York, was given out here at 8 o'clock:

"Regret that it will be impossible for me to accompany Senator Davis to-morrow. Will afford me pleasure later on."

At 6 o'clock, the steam yacht Queen City brought up a party of the Judge's Democratic friends from Poughkeepsie. He showed them about the place, but the visit was entirely informal. Mr. Sheehan, formerly of the New York State bar, expected to-morrow, very likely with Mr. Davis. The expected coming of the Vice-Presidential nominee brings up again the talk of a great notification, but there is real little reason to suppose that it is likely. Judge Parker has at no time expressed any but a casual interest in the proposition and naturally would not feel that the initiative could properly come from him in any case. It was reported that National Committeeman Taggart was expected in New York to-day or to-morrow, but nothing definite could be learned here, and apparently there is no expectation of his coming to Rosemount.

Parker and Bryan (?)